

# EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AT WHIRINAKI WHARE TAONGA

EDUCATION VISITS TERM 3 2021



Whirinaki Whare Taonga is Upper Hutt's own art hub. We are committed to offering engaging and accessible visual and performing art experiences for local students, and have a range of exciting world class programmes run out of our brand new classroom.



# DINOSAUR rEVOLUTION: SECRETS OF SURVIVAL

**10 July to 26 September 2021**

**Across the Golden Homes and Mitre 10 Mega galleries**

**Dinosaurs ruled the world for 169 million years and vanished 65 million years ago – but did they all go extinct?**

Fossils found in China with skin and soft tissue, and even feathers and quills, provide evidence that birds were the last branch in the dinosaur family tree. They revealed secrets of an evolutionary arms-race: and only the smallest dinosaurs would fly away to survive extinction!

Come and see their fascinating skeletons, run your hands over fossil casts including a nest of dinosaur eggs, and unearth fossils from a dig pit. Discover whether T. Rex really did have brown scales and see animatronics bring these new discoveries to life!

Education visits to Dinosaur rEvolution will encourage an exploration of new discoveries relevant to palaeontology. Students will come to an understanding that science is an evolving field, with research at its core, constantly updating our knowledge of our planet. As part of the education visits students will make an artwork in the creative workshop, using a variety of print methods, inspired by the exhibition.



Through the achievement objectives of the New Zealand science curriculum, Students will look at Life processes, ecology, and evolution-coming to an understanding of the relationship between organisms and their environment. They will explore the evolutionary processes that have resulted in the diversity of life on Earth.

As part of an education visit to dinosaur rEvolution, students will also explore the New Zealand visual arts curriculum, through the achievement objectives of developing practical knowledge

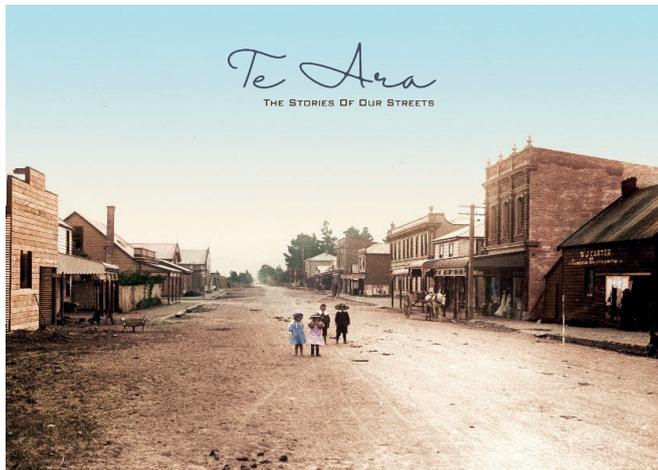
Students will research into the characteristics and constraints of materials, techniques, technologies, and established conventions in the field of printmaking.



# TE ARA: THE STORIES OF OUR STREETS

15 May 2021 to 29 May 2022 • Gillies Gallery

Explore the significant stories behind the streets of Upper Hutt, our people and places, our meetings and memories, told and untold. From the first meetings of Maori and early settlers to today; these are the stories that our city is built on.



Through an exploration of the streets of Upper Hutt, past and present, hear insights into the historic sites and buildings of Upper Hutt, yarns from local characters and their dramas, legends of our local iwi, and the fascinating secrets hidden under the pavements of the city.

Stand on the street where you live. Discover what has happened over time on that very spot. Embark on a journey through time, and experience an Upper Hutt you never have before.

Tūrangawaewae; Maori and pre-European history and stories of Upper Hutt. Visits will focus on the Pre European story of Upper Hutt. Who were the original iwi that lived here?



What was it like living here before European settlement?

Classes will focus on artefacts and taonga telling this story, tying the people of Awakairangi Ki Uta to the land.

They will also explore Maori stories that bring us up to the present day, and look at Tangata whenua artists.

As part of this will make an artwork using plywood and paint techniques after a study of the work of Ngatai Taepa.

Our education team is happy to work with schools to deliver this exhibition in a way that best supports learning in the classroom. Please do not hesitate to discuss your learning objectives for a visit that is more tailored to the needs of your class or syndicate.

The education packages for Te Ara will address the New Zealand social studies curriculum, particularly the Learning objectives of History. Students will be encouraged to come to an understanding of the causes, consequences, and explanations of historical events that are of significance to New Zealanders, their complexities and contests. They will also be addressing the New Zealand Art curriculum through practise of the visual arts, in response to a study of artists work, and the historical content of Te Ara.

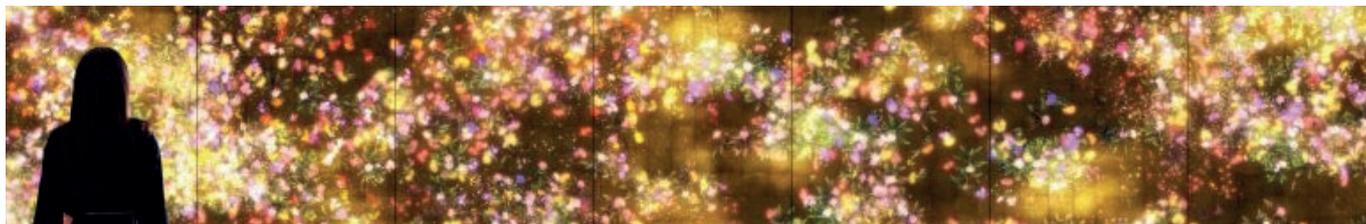


Te Ara is supported by the Tuia 250 programme. The programme addresses the anniversary of two cultures meeting in New Zealand Aotearoa, and celebrates the themes of:

Whakapapa and identity: Exploring our own stories and our common bond as voyagers to Aotearoa New Zealand.

Dual Heritage – Shared Future: Presenting a balanced and honest historical narrative to better understand our relationships and build a strong foundation for a richer shared future.

First meetings, migration and settlement: Considering their impact on contemporary society.



# FLOWERS AND PEOPLE: GOLD

**15 May to 5 September 2021**

**Flowers and People – Gold is an interactive work by Japanese based teamLab. The work is based on the theme of the seasons, often reflected in Japanese art and important in Japanese culture.**

The animated digital installation work shows flowers that gradually bud, blossom, and grow, before their petals begin to wither and eventually fade away. Depending on the proximity of the viewer to the work, the flowers shed their petals all at once, or come to life and blossom once again.

Education visits will be offered the opportunity to view Flowers and People- Gold alongside booking in for one of our education packages.

Students viewing Flowers and People- Gold will be engaging with the New Zealand Arts curriculum through a study of artist's work. They will be given an opportunity to study selected approaches and theories related to visual arts practice, and critically reflect on, respond to, and evaluate art work.

## PLANNING A VISIT

### Getting here

Public Transport: with buses and trains stopping at Upper Hutt Station, Whirinaki Whare Taonga is just a five minute walk down the road.

Bringing your own bus or cars: car parking and bus drop off points are right behind Expressions in the carpark near H<sub>2</sub>O Xtream swimming pool.

### During Your Visit

Lunch & morning tea:  
We have an indoor space to enjoy morning and afternoon tea should the weather require (subject to availability)

School bags & jackets:  
Yes you can bring your school bags and jackets as we have a space for them while you visit.

### For further information or to book a visit please contact

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Claire is also available throughout the year to visit your school and discuss the exhibition programme and the opportunities for your students. Please contact her to make a time to visit you.

